

**Table 3**  
**Social, Welfare, and Health Data**

Source: *N.C. Health Statistics Pocket Guide – 1999*, Center for Health Informatics and Statistics

	<b>United States</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>Number of States Higher</b>
Federal Food Stamp Program, Cost per Participant, FY 1998	\$852	\$799	33
National School Lunch Program, Cost per Participant, FY 1998	\$192	\$183	18
SSI <sup>1</sup> Payments per Recipient, 1997	\$4,368	\$3,622	47
Average Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits, 1997	\$193	\$198	16
Average Monthly Social Security Benefit, 1997			
Retired Workers <sup>2</sup>	\$765	\$729	36
Disabled Workers	\$722	\$693	40
Widows and Widowers <sup>3</sup>	\$731	\$659	44
TANF <sup>4</sup> Recipients as a Percent of Resident Population, 1998	2.9	2.1	25
Percent Current Cigarette Smokers, 1997 <sup>5</sup>	23.2	25.8	10
Per Capita Federal Aid to State and Local Governments, FY 1998	\$937	\$863	29
Per Capita State Government Expenditures, FY 1998 <sup>6</sup>	\$3,059	\$2,904	29
Employment (FTE) in Health, 1997			
State Government (thousands)	163	2	22
Local Government (thousands)	215	15	4
Employment (FTE) in Hospitals, 1997			
State Government (thousands)	469	16	8
Local Government (thousands)	516	18	8
Hazardous Waste Sites on the Superfund Priorities List, 1998	1,245	24	16
Crime Rate per 100,000 Population, 1997 <sup>7</sup>	4,923	5,492	14
Violent Crime <sup>8</sup>	611	607	14
State Parks and Recreation Areas, 1997			
Acres per 1,000 Population	47	19	38

<sup>1</sup>Supplemental Security Income. <sup>2</sup>Excludes special benefits. <sup>3</sup>Nondisabled only. <sup>4</sup>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. <sup>5</sup>Among civilian population, 18 and over. <sup>6</sup>Excludes Nevada, and District of Columbia. <sup>7</sup>Offenses known to the police. <sup>8</sup>Murder (including non-negligent manslaughter), forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.